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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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Washington, DC 20231

Sir,

In re: Application of John B. Fenn et al  
Serial No. 07/911.405

I write to inform you that I am revoking the Powers of Attorney in this case, till now held by Peter Berger and Andrew Langsam of the Firm of Levisohn, Lerner, Berger and Langsam, 757 Third Avenue, New York, New York 10017. Henceforth I, as one of the inventors and with title to all patents stemming from the invention, will prosecute this application pro se.

During an interview at the Patent Office on February 3, 1995 I informed Examiners Kiet Nguyen and Jack Berman that I was revoking the present Powers of Attorney from Messrs. Berger and Langsam. This letter is to make the revocation a matter of written record.

Examiners Nguyen and Berman had kindly granted me that interview in order to discuss the reasons underlying the position taken in the Office Action of 12 October 1994, namely that the Applicants' claims on a composition of matter were not patentable. It emerged from the discussion that the Examiners felt the claimed composition of matter did not have a meaningful existence separate and apart from a role as transient species in the determination of molecular weight of large molecules by mass spectrometry. They also felt that the Applicants had failed to show utility beyond the determination of molecular weight on which method claims had been allowed in an already issued patent of which the present application is a continuation in part. I agreed to prepare evidence for utility in "ways beyond analysis" and for the Applicants belief that the claimed compositions of matter were not simply transient species in a molecular weight determination. That evidence is incorporated in the Applicants response to that Office Action of 12 October. That response accompanys this letter. No other matters of substance pertinent to the subject application were discussed during the interview.

I am most grateful for the kindness and assistance that was provided me by the Examiners.

Sincerely yours,

*Handwritten signature of John B. Fenn*

John B. Fenn

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